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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The British steamer *Changsha*, from Syd  
28th December, Brisbane 30th. Townsville  
January, Cooktown 4th, Thursday Island  
and Port Darwin 14th, reports from Sydney  
Brisbane had strong Easterly winds and high  
from Brisbane to Cooktown had light winds  
fine weather. From Cooktown to Thursday  
land had light winds with torrents of rain  
thick, dirty weather. From Thursday Island  
Port Darwin had strong Westerly gale with a  
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Hongkong, 11th April, 1883.

THE REGULAR CONVOCATION called  
for WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant,  
is unavoidably postponed till SATURDAY  
the 28th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.  
Visiting Companions are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1888. [21]

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Then with regard to native craft there is a provision that the owner of the boat or other native craft shall personally attend at the office of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports and make a verbal statement as to the value and quantity of the imported or exported goods. This notice is given to test the truthfulness of such declarations whether written or verbal, and punishments are provided for false declarations. Of course it is essential for the purposes of the Ordinance that the returns should be made as correctly as possible.

**THE COLONIAL SECRETARY** seconded. **HON. P. RYAN**—I beg to propose that the consideration of this Bill be postponed. I have heard opinions given outside by people in the street, people who deal in articles of various kinds, and they have great objections to the measure. They do not object to the principle of the Bill, but they object to the form and the penalties imposed. The difficulties would be very great; for instance, the time allowed to make the returns, five days; people may not be able to give the particulars in that time, the documents may not come in at any time, and it may not be possible to ascertain the particulars. I think some modification of the Bill is required, and that should be considered before the Bill is passed.

**HON. P. RYAN**—Does not your objection go rather to particulars than to the principle of the Bill? Is it not rather a matter to be considered on the motion for its introduction than on the motion for its passage?

**HON. P. RYAN**—I am not objecting so much to my own opinion as the opinion of people who have spoken to me on the subject.

**HON. P. RYAN**—I understand you to mean that we should not go on with the second reading. I presume you have brought it forward at the wrong time, and that your desire is to postpone the Bill until a later date. You are not opposed to the entire principle of the Bill?

**HON. P. RYAN**—No, I only wish to make it as easy as possible.

**HON. P. RYAN**—Then that is a matter for the Committee.

**HON. P. RYAN**—I think that people who have an objection to the Bill should have an opportunity of stating their objection in some form or other, either through the public press or in some other form.

The question that the Bill be read a second time was then put and carried. I have now to move that the Council do go into Committee on this Bill, and I venture to say in support of that motion that if there are objections to be urged against this Bill my hon. friend Mr. Ryan will be able to raise them as we go from session to session.

**HON. P. RYAN**—I am not prepared to do so.

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**THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL**—I believe it is a Chinese custom to have a number of aliases. I know that in legal proceedings we often find a man who is known by several different names. Hon. WONG KONG-SING said the Chinese generally have three or four names. There is one given to them when they are born, another when they marry; if they take office in the Government service they take another name, so that they are generally known by three or four names.

**HIS EXCELLENCY**—I think I would suggest the word "otherwise" for "foreign". The latter word has come to have a sinister meaning with us. It is nearly always connected with a criminal. The suggestion was adopted.

**THE HON. SECRETARY**—I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the Council, I shall move that the Bill be read a second time. I shall also move that the Bill be read a third time.

**HIS EXCELLENCY**—Before separating I think you may relieve public anxiety by answering part of the question of which the hon. member has given notice. So far as I know fifteen men have been arrested, only one has resigned.

**HON. P. RYAN**—If your Excellency is certain that of course there is no necessity of my putting my question now.

The Council adjourned till Friday, the 3rd February.

## THE HONGKONG CANON, A.M. MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the board of directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the office of the company, on Saturday, the 4th February, at noon:

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the following statement of the half-year ending 31st December last:

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, and other charges, the profit of the company for the half-year ending 31st December last, was £1,000.00.

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## POLICE COURT.

25th January.

**BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.**

**ALFRED TRADE ON THE TREASURY.**

An Young Tat, house owner, was charged with making false representations to the Treasury concerning the value of his house. Mr. Wise, J., sentenced him to six months imprisonment.

**THE CROWN SOLICITOR (MR. A. B. JOHNSON)** prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury. Mr. Johnson appeared for the defendant.

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The Registrar is to be in force for one year only and is to be renewed annually (clause 5).

Registered firms are to affix their firm name and number to their places of business in the manner as may be required to do by the Registrar.

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